



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Dear Resident/Community Leader:

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in the early stages of evaluating opportunities to restore a portion of stream near Plum Gar Park within your community (See Location Map on back of this letter).

The Plum Gar Tributary was identified as a priority for restoration in the Great Seneca and Muddy Branch Watershed Assessment (2011). This stream has been degraded by years of uncontrolled storm flows which has impacted habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The County's stream restoration program uses a variety of techniques to stabilize and reforest streambanks, reestablish aquatic ecosystems and habitat for fish and aquatic life, and prevent erosion and sediment pollution of streams and watersheds.

These improvements are part of the County's ongoing commitment to restore water quality in Great Seneca Creek, a tributary to the Potomac River that flows to the Chesapeake Bay. For more information, please visit your project webpage at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/watershedrestoration, and click on Stream Restoration.

We have assembled a Watershed Restoration Consultant Team for this project. There will be future opportunities for you to meet this team and for your participation in this process. Please direct all questions and correspondence to the following Watershed Restoration Consultant Team representative:

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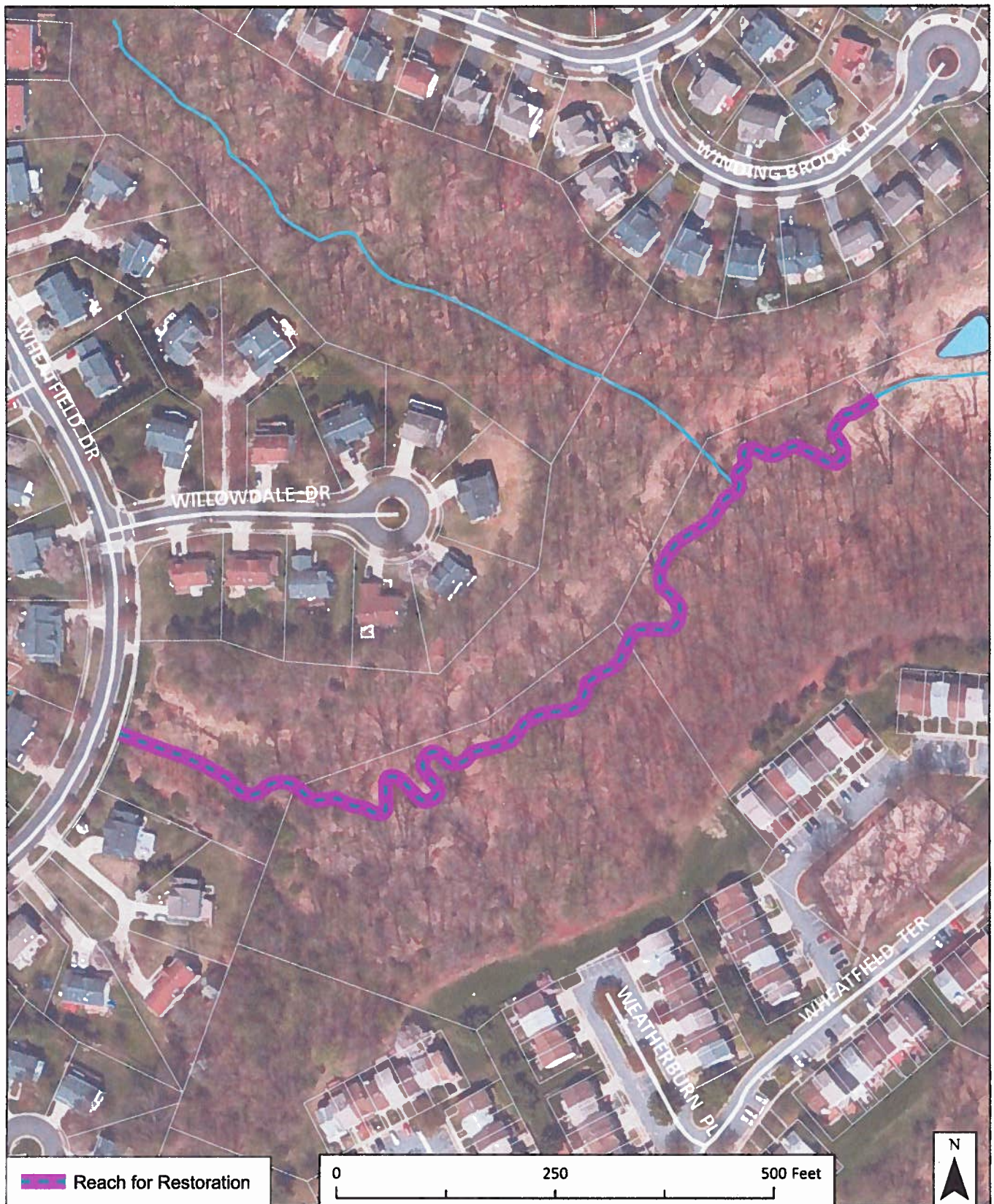
Project Reference: Task Order WRE12-24, Plum Gar Stream Restoration

Additionally, as part of our Watershed Restoration Team, Stantec was selected by DEP to assist in developing engineering design plans for this project. In the coming months, Stantec and/or their subcontractors will be performing various activities such as utility locating, surveying, soil borings and tree inventories surrounding the stream to assist in the design process. Once Stantec develops their preliminary designs, DEP will schedule a public meeting to present information on current stream conditions and future stream restoration opportunities.

We look forward to your participation in this opportunity to improve the stream habitat and water quality in your community.

Sincerely,

Craig Carson, Manager
DEP Watershed Restoration Program



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Plum Gar Stream Restoration Improvements